## ABSTRACT

A novel endoglucanase derived from <u>Staphylotrichum</u> <u>coccosporum</u>, a polynucleotide encoding the endoglucanase, and a cellulase preparation containing the endoglucanase are disclosed. The endoglucanase or cellulase preparation is available for a washing use or fabric processing, such as a color clarification of a cellulose-containing fabric, a reduction of fuzz, an improvement of the touch feel and appearance of the fabric, providing a localized color change to the fabric, or a reduction of stiffness.